

Babe Ruth Signed Up For \$52,000 Beer Bill Signing Brings Smiles

MAYOR HAYES IN FIGHT ON PROSECUTOR

The Bill Calls For the Abolishment of Third Prosecutor in City Court, Because There is No Appropriation to Pay For It

MAYOR TO APPEAR FOR THE MEASURE

The bill introduced by the City of Waterbury which calls for the abolishment of the third prosecutor's office in the local city court, has not been withdrawn and will not be withdrawn, Mayor Frank Hayes, emphatically stated today.

In fact, he said, he will appear before the committee when the hearing is set at Hartford to urge its passage by the state legislature.

Mayor Hayes stated that there is no appropriation set up to take care of a third prosecutor's salary for the Waterbury city court after May 1st this year.

There had been reports that the city had withdrawn, or would withdraw, the bill calling for the abolishment of the third prosecutor.

The fact that there is no appropriation to provide for a third prosecutor's salary after May 1st certainly gives evidence of the mayor's stand on the proposition.

The set up for the Waterbury city court is causing no little difficulty between political leaders of both parties. Republican leaders are reported to be behind the reappointment of Emil Lummel, court official for over 18 years.

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BIG DEPARTMENT STORE BURNED IN GREENWICH

Charles N. Mead Company Badly Gutted—Nine Persons Carried Down Ladders by the Firemen

Greenwich, Conn., Mar. 22.—(UP)—Nine persons were carried down ladders to safety when fire caught estimated damage of \$100,000 to the Charles N. Mead company department store today.

The four-story building was occupied by nine families on the two upper floors. Aerial ladders were used to aid occupants in escaping.

FARM RELIEF BILL PASSED BY THE HOUSE

President Roosevelt Won Another Victory To-day By the Passage of Another Big Project

BY FREDERICK C. OTHMAN (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, March 22.—(UP)—President Roosevelt's smoothly-working legislative machinery sped his ambitious farm relief bill through the house today with many votes to spare.

An hour and a half of debate preceded the vote.

The complicated measure, which would take poor land out of production, place a round-about bounty on reduced cotton acreage and tax farm products for the benefit of the farmer, now goes to the senate.

There the measure is expected to run into difficulty. Senators have indicated their desire to discuss it fully.

Word from the White House, however, may forestall much of the (Continued on Page 8.)

HOOVER OFFICIAL BALKED ARREST OF NEW YORK BANKER

Dept. of Justice in That Regime Would Not Let U. S. Attorney Apprehend Joseph W. Harrison—That Became Known When Charles E. Mitchell Was Arrested

New York, March 22.—(UP)—Under orders from Washington, the United States attorney's office prepared today to press immediate charges of income tax evasion against Charles E. Mitchell.

One of the financial heroes of the boom days.

Mitchell, former chairman of all the vast enterprises affiliated with the National City Bank, was arrested last night at his Fifth avenue home and was released in \$10,000 bail.

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Final News Flashes

MRS. WALKER WINS CASE

Miami, Fla., March 22.—(UP)—An absolute divorce for Mrs. Janet Allen Walker from James John (Jimmy) Walker, former mayor of New York, was recommended today by Thomas J. Dowdell, special master in chancery, in his report to Circuit Judge Worth W. Trammell.

LaFollettes' White House Visit Stirs Speculation In The Capital



Whether problems of Soviet recognition by the United States or unemployment relief occupied their conference with President Roosevelt, neither Senator Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin (left) nor his brother Phillip LaFollette, former Governor of Wisconsin (right) would divulge as they left the White House as pictured here. Their visit stirred speculation that Phillip LaFollette, who recently returned from Russia, may become American envoy to Moscow if the Soviet is recognized, or possibly may be asked to direct Roosevelt's unemployment program.

FUNDING BOND BILL OF CITY LOOKING GOOD

Report Has it That Bill Will Be Reported Favorably By the Finance Committee Late This Week

By WILLIAM J. MORIARTY (Democrat Staff Man)

State Capitol, Hartford, Conn., March 22.—(Special to The Democrat)—It was learned on good authority today that the funding bond bill of the city of Waterbury would be reported favorably by the finance committee late this week or the first part of next week.

The bill allows the city to issue \$1,000,000 in funding bonds.

These bonds would be issued in two equal installments, one in 1933, one in 1934. Proceeds would be used to retire existing bond issues and thus prevent an increase in the tax rate for the next two years.

A saving in interest would also be effected.

The senate to-day concurred (Continued on Page 2)

MAY SHORTEN AUTO LICENSE

Montreal, March 22.—(UP)—Shortening of the automobile license term from one year to six months in the Province of Quebec has been urged by T. C. Kirby, general manager of the Montreal Motorists' league, in a telegram to R. F. Stockwell, provincial treasurer.

Kirby said that a half-yearly license would enable thousands of Quebec automobile owners who cannot afford a license for a full year to use their cars.

HER OLD SWEETHEART FAILS TO INDUCE LITTLE GIRL FROM WAY DOWN EAST TO RETURN HOME

New York, March 22.—(UP)—Months ago to find you and marry you. Your family wants you back. Dancing is no life for you. Jim.

PRESIDENT WAS HAPPY AT CLOSE

"That's Done" He Said As He Raised His Head After He Had Signed His Name

Washington, March 22.—(UP)—Looking up with a smile as he finished the signature, the president was asked when the country could get beer.

"The act goes into effect in fifteen days," he replied. The committee of five congressmen who brought the bill to the White House, stood in the adjoining hallway to watch the signing and were not actually in the room.

Raising his head after he had traced the signature, the president said, almost audibly:

"That's done."

It meant the carrying out of the democratic platform pledge of early modification of the Volstead Act.

The picture was a rich one, the president before velvet curtains drawn across the windows.

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WATERBURY TO BE GIVEN TWO DELEGATES

That Will Be Given Number Allotted This City For Convention to Take Action on the Repeal

By WILLIAM J. MORIARTY (Democrat Staff Man)

State Capitol, Hartford, Conn., March 22.—(Special to The Democrat)—The city of Waterbury is assured of at least two delegates to the state convention to be held this summer to take action on the amendment to repeal the prohibition laws when the house today passed the bill calling for such a convention.

Under its provisions it must be called not less than 60 nor more than 90 days after the general assembly adjourns.

That would mean that the convention would be held in late July or August.

The house amended the original bill in one respect to provide that only such electors as are registered as voting in the last state election (Continued on Page 2)

HOOVER IS BACK HOME READY TO ENJOY LIFE

Palo Alto, Calif., March 22.—(UP)—Herbert Hoover, private citizen and neighbor, settled down to a quiet home life today with "no plans whatsoever."

"I'll have friends to dinner and have dinner with friends at the end of his campaign for re-election, Mr. Hoover laughed off political or economic questions.

Compromise By The Babe And Ruppert Settled The Scrap

PRESIDENT SIGNS BEER BILL ON THE DOT OF 2 O'CLOCK

By LYLE C. WILSON (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, March 22.—(UP)—After more than 13 years of exile, beer and light wines will be back as legal beverages on April 7.

President Roosevelt today signed the Cullen-Harrison bill modifying the Volstead act to permit 3.2 per cent beer and wine.

The first sales under the new law will be permissible at 12:01 a. m., on Friday the seventh, two weeks from the day after to-morrow.

JUST AT THE HOUR OF TWO

Mr Roosevelt signed the bill at 2 P. M. EST. The president, blinking under the photographers' lights, signed the measure in the cabinet room as the little old-fashioned clock on the mantelpiece at one end of the room pointed exactly at 2 o'clock.

Mr Roosevelt sat at one end of the long mahogany cabinet table, thumbing through the five and a half page document which means the legalization of beer for millions in the country.

FOUR PENS TO SIGN BILL

He used four pens to sign the bill, writing a few letters with each one.

The ceremony lasted two or three minutes, for the benefit of photographers who were admitted to record this historic event.

When the cameras were turned on, the president struck a pose and turned through the bill, holding a pen in one hand as he read its provisions.

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HUNGER MARCHERS WERE PERMITTED TO ENTER SENATE

Between 300 and 400 Men and Women Asked Right to Go in and Get Warm—Secretary to Gov. Cross Allowed Them to Do So

Hartford, Conn., March 22.—(UP)—Flaunting banners demanding relief from the government, a band of hunger marchers, numbering between 300 and 400 men and women, massed outside the State Capitol building today.

Police, who had formed a cordon about the building, finally permitted the group to send a committee into the building. Later the crowd was allowed to pass into the senate chamber and take seats.

They had gathered to attend the hearing on unemployment relief bills to be held this afternoon.

Ruth Wanted \$60,000 At First, Then Reduced It to \$55,000—Ruppert Offered \$50,000 and the Compromise Followed

RUTH TOOK CUT OF \$23,000

St Petersburg, Fla., March 22.—(U.P.)—Babe Ruth to-day signed his 1933 player contract with the New York Yankees calling for a salary of \$52,000.

The contract represented a compromise by Ruth and Colonel Jacob Ruppert, owner of the Yankees. Ruth originally asked for more than \$60,000.

However, the original contract submitted to him called for payment of \$50,000. This contract was returned unsigned and without comment.

During the first conference between Ruth and Ruppert, Ruth reduced his demands to \$55,000, but was told he would not be offered a cent more than \$50,000.

A second conference failed to bridge either side.

Late yesterday Ruth asked Ruppert for a third conference, since the latter is soon to leave St. Petersburg for New York and take an active part in his brewing interests.

The conference today was held in Ruth's apartment and was brief.

In signing at \$52,000, Ruth took a cut of \$23,000, his 1932 salary being \$75,000. His cut was more than is received by any other player in baseball.

The cut today reduced Ruth's salary to the same figure he received in 1927, when he was boosted from \$25,000 to \$70,000.

In 1930 he was given another raise, this time to \$80,000, which was continued the following year.

Ruth's salary in 1914, his first year in baseball, was \$1,000, playing with the Baltimore Orioles.

MRS ROOSEVELT LOVES TO RIDE BY HORSEBACK

She Had Trailers Yesterday and One of Them Was an Army Sergt. As Her Groom

Washington, March 22.—(UP)—Horseback riding didn't seem so much like fun to Mrs. Roosevelt as she went for a ride yesterday.

She went for the first time in several months, knowing the consequences would be a bit of lameness and soreness.

She knew, however, that the best cure was more riding, so she started for the riding and hunt club at 16th and M streets, after saying that "it will be almost a medicine ride."

The first lady was accompanied on her first ride along the muddy Rock Creek park bridge with a Mrs. Henry T. Morgenthau, Jr., wife of the farm board chairman.

Trailing behind were army sergeant assigned as Mrs. Roosevelt's groom, another groom from the riding club, and Robert Crain, young Washington sportsman who was at the club at the time and decided to go along just to see what would happen.

The group cantered through the mud for awhile and then Crain galloped ahead. Soon another rider came pounding up behind him. It was Mrs. Roosevelt. "I didn't realize I had been throwing mud at the first lady," Crain said, but apparently Mrs. Roosevelt did not mind, because when they returned to the club Crain said she thanked him cordially for accompanying the party.

TREASURY BALANCE

Washington, March 22.—(UP)—The treasury net balance for March 20 was \$153,542,955.16.

DUMB BELLS

REGISTERED U.S. PATENT OFFICE

DID YOU GET THE LEECHES I PRESCRIBED FOR YOUR EYE?

YES, DOC, BUT HOW DO YOU LOOK THEM?

Markets At a Glance

Stocks dull; prices firm.

Bonds irregular; U. S. government issues rally.

Curb stocks advance slightly in quiet trade.

Chicago stocks dull and steady.

Call money 3 per cent.

Foreign exchange firmer after wide drop yesterday.

Wheat dips fractions; corn and oats ease.

Cotton quiet at gains of 50 cents a bale.

Rubber dull and unchanged.

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